

New Chair appointed to All Wales Medicines Strategy Group

Health Minister, Vaughan Gething has today (Thursday 25 July) announced the appointment of Professor Ceri Phillips as the new Chair of the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) for a four year period.

On the appointment, the Minister said: “Professor Phillips brings a wide range of experience from within the health sector and was a founding member of the AWMSG.

“I look forward to working with him in the future to ensure we continue to deliver a Healthier Wales. Our vision to ensure we support people to stay well, lead healthier lifestyles and live independently for as long as possible.”

The All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) was established in 2002, and provides advice on medicines management and prescribing to the Welsh Government.

On his appointment, Ceri said: “I am delighted to have been appointed to Chair AWMSG. It is an honour to return to the organisation, which was such an important part of my working life during its initial eight years. I look forward to working with colleagues and stakeholders as AWMSG embarks on a new chapter in its existence.”

This appointment has been made in accordance with the Governance Code on Public Appointments. Professor Phillips is also an independent member of the Health Education and Improvement Wales Board.

Bio Professor Ceri. J.Phillips

Ceri Phillips is Head of the College of Human and Health Sciences at Swansea University and Professor of Health Economics at Swansea Centre for Health Economics. He is an independent member of the Health Education and Improvement Wales Board, a member of the Welsh Wound Innovation Centre Board and the current Chair of Council of Deans of Health Wales.

He was an original member of the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group and formerly a member of the Bevan Commission and co-authored the initial publication that initiated the notion of Prudent Healthcare in Wales.